THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Commission of Inquiry has been appointed on 14.5.1999 under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 and is headed by Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India. The Commission has been asked to inquire into all the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith. The commission is yet to furnish its report.

Medical Facilities in Jails

5143. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are many prisoners in various jails of the country who are ill and are not adequately medically treated in the jails;

(b) if so, the number of such prisoners;

(c) what facilities Government propose to make available for such prisoners; and

(d) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) "Prisons" is a State subject, as per the Constitution of India. It is essentially for the State Governments to provide medical facilities to the prisoners in jails. However, Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments *inter alia* for medical facilities in jails under the Scheme of Modernisation of Prisons Administration as well as through the awards of various Finance Commissions. The information about the number of prisoners who are ill in various jails of the country is not maintained by the Central Government.